

By Order and Command of his Excellency Charles Calvert  
Esq; Captain General of this Province and the  
Invisible Council set forth and Published by  
the Proprietary of Sheep and Lambs laid out  
out of this Province

It was the wisdom of former Assemblies have thought fit to prohibit the Exportation of Wool out of this Province Considering the great good that would arise from the opening of Land making Cloathing for ourselves removes惧  
pecting Mankind. Inhabitants of this Province would so far forget the General Good of the Country as to attempt the Importation of the Stock of Sheep then being over at any time thereafter to be in this Province for the prevention of the said mischieff for the future be it Ordained by his Excellency the Captain General and Council that what Masters were after this instant Eleventh day of April shall export or transport Boarding & Boats or Vessel with Intend to export out of this Province any Sheep or Lambs dead or alive or shall command Council advise or give up first or last the Exportation of any Sheep or Lambs dead or alive out of this Province shall suffer Imprisonment for one whole year without Bail or Mainprise and after wards find good and sufficient Surety for his good Behavior and during the space of seven years then next ensuing giving under the Great Seal of this Province the Eleventh day of April in the fortieth year of the Dominion of his Lordship over this Province Anno Domini 1672

Certified I know ye that in Reposing Special trust and Confidence in the rare Diligence Honesty & Integrity of Thomas Jones of our County of St Marys